

# Garner Police Department



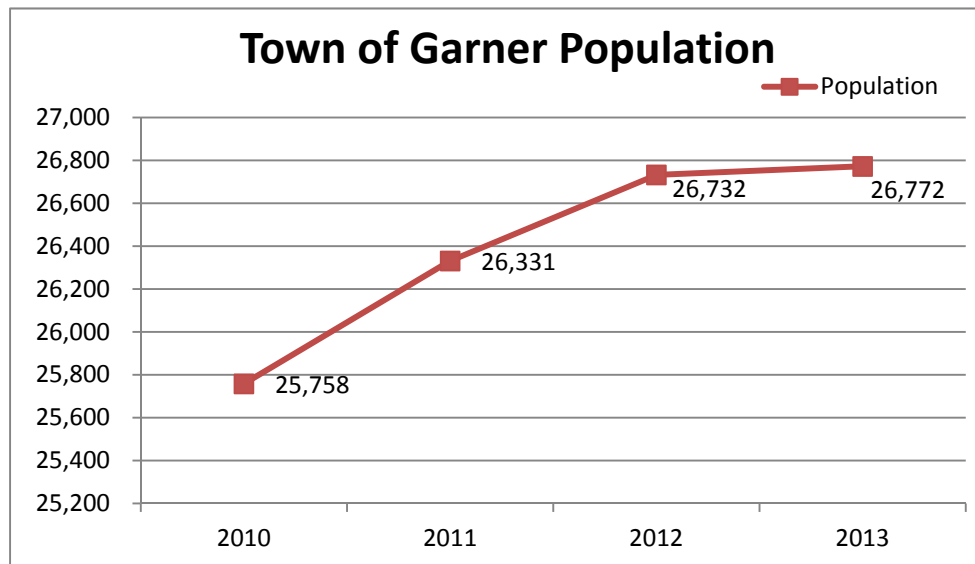
## 2013 Crime Statistics Addendum to Annual Department Report

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## Town Overview

Garner is a Town located in Wake County, North Carolina. Garner extends 15.72 square miles and has a population of approximately 26,772 people. From April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013, the population of Garner has increased by 3.9% (US Census Bureau, 2013 Quick Facts Report.) Of note, when the US Census was conducted in 2000, the population of the Town of Garner was only 17,757.

2000	2010	2011	2012	2013	% change 2000-2012	% change 2010-2013	% change 2012-2013
17,757	25,758	26,331	26,732	26,772	50.50%	3.90%	0.15%



## Department Overview

The Garner Police Department has 63 sworn police officers and 10 civilian personnel. The Garner Police Department is dedicated to excellent police service through partnerships that reduce crime, create a safe environment, build trust, and enhance the quality of life in our community. We are committed to delivering quality service in an effective, responsive and professional manner.

### Summary of Uniform Crime Reporting Data

The Garner Police Department participates in the North Carolina Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) collects crime data through the NC UCR Program and reports this data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in support of a nationwide effort to generate a reliable set of criminal statistics for law enforcement operations in our country.

The UCR Program divides offenses into two major categories: Part 1 and Part 2 Crimes. Part 1 Crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. These crimes are considered "Index Crimes." All other crimes are classified as Part 2 Crimes. More information about this program can be found on the NC Department of Justice homepage ([www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov)).

The above guidelines were used when collecting data used for this report. A community's "Crime Rate" is calculated using Index Crimes. The Crime Index includes the total number of murders, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, and motor vehicle thefts. These are the only crimes that UCR tracks. It is important to recognize the index crime rate does not take into account other types of crimes, or those crimes classified in the Part 2 Crime category.

### Garner Crime Rate Data

When thinking about crime, most people, even police officers, think of violent crimes. In this report, we will look at the crime rate as a whole, but will also examine violent crime and property crime separately.

Violent crime includes the reported offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. These can be defined as:

**Murder:** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Forcible Rape:** The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force are also included.

**Robbery:** The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence, and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily harm. This includes attempted aggravated assaults.

Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. These can be defined as:

**Burglary** (also commonly referred to as Breaking and Entering): The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. This includes attempted forcible entry.

**Larceny:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. This includes the offense of shoplifting.

**Motor Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This includes passenger vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, and large trucks.

### Garner Crime Rate

The rate per 10,000 people of Crime Index Offenses reported to the Garner Police Department decreased by 1.85 percent during 2013 when compared to the offenses reported in 2012.

**Table 1- Town of Garner Crime Index Rate per 10,000 Persons\***  
**Percent Change from 2012 to 2013**

\*The populations used to calculate these rates were obtained from the US Census Bureau and are listed on page 1 of this report.\*

	Index Crime Rate	Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate
2012	482.94	24.69	458.25
2013	474.00	18.66	455.33
% Change	-1.85%	-24.42%	-0.64%

**Table 2- Town of Garner Violent and Property Crime Index Rate per 10,000 Persons\***  
**Percent Change from 2012 to 2013**

\*The populations used to calculate these rates were obtained from the US Census Bureau and are listed on page 1 of this report.\*

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault		Burglary	Larceny	MV Theft
<b>2012</b>	0.37	1.49	11.60	11.22	<b>2012</b>	61.35	376.70	20.20
<b>2013</b>	0.75	0.75	9.34	7.84	<b>2013</b>	66.86	371.66	16.81
<b>% Change</b>	102.70%	-49.66%	-19.48%	-30.13%	<b>% Change</b>	8.98%	-1.34%	-16.78%

The violent crime rate decreased by 24.42 percent during 2013 when compared to the violent crime rate in 2012. The murder rate increased by 102.7 percent when compared to the murder rate in 2012. It is important to note that while the percent change seems large based on population size, there were two murders in the Town of Garner during 2013 compared to the one murder in 2012. The rate for rape decreased by 49.66 percent, rate of robberies reported decreased by 19.48 percent, and the rate for reported aggravated assaults decreased by 30.13 percent.

The property crime rate decreased by .64 percent in the Town of Garner during 2013 when compared to the property crime rate in 2012. The rate for reported burglary increased by 8.98 percent. The rate for larceny decreased by 1.34 percent and the rate for motor vehicle theft decreased by 16.78 percent.

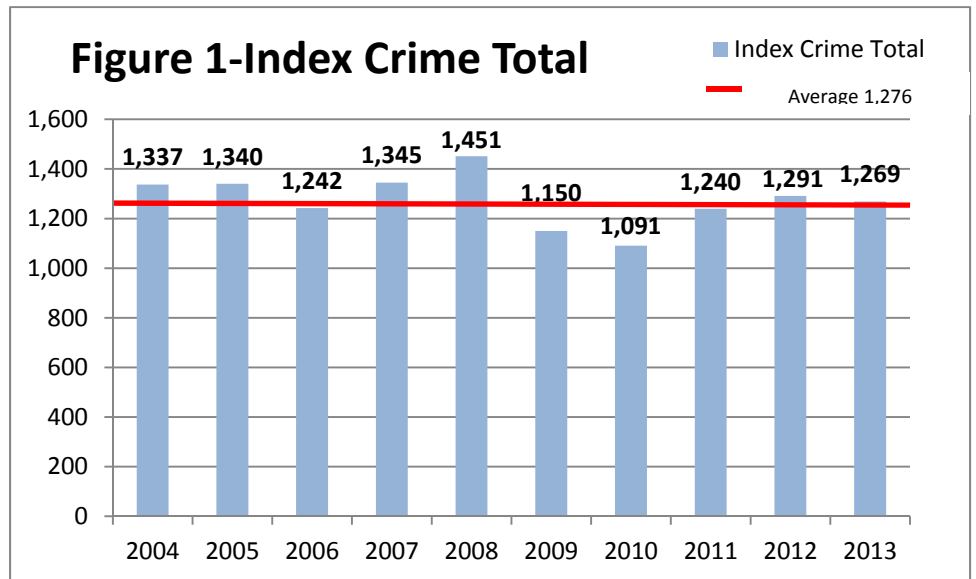
### Crimes Known to Police

**Table 3- Town of Garner Offenses Reported to Police**  
**Ten Year Trend 2004-2013**

Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Murder</b>	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	2
<b>Rape</b>	5	1	9	5	11	1	3	4	4	2
<b>Robbery</b>	45	36	26	47	63	33	24	23	31	25
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	43	37	38	47	30	28	22	30	30	21
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	195	225	220	204	195	204	164	216	164	179
<b>Larceny</b>	987	977	906	970	1,079	842	843	931	1,007	995
<b>MV Theft</b>	60	62	43	72	70	42	33	36	54	45
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,219</b>
<b>Index Crime Total</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,269</b>

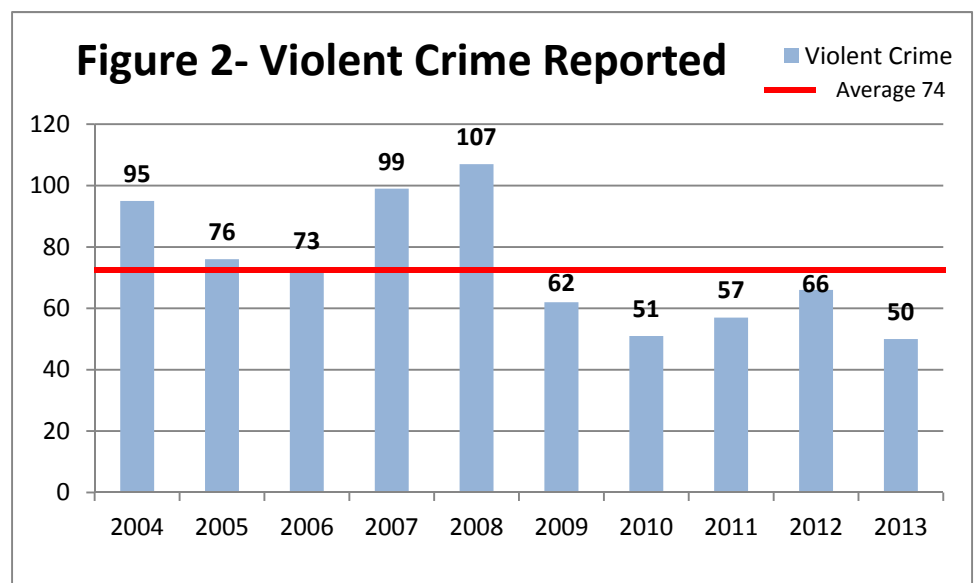
## Index Crimes

When we examine crimes reported over a ten year period, we find that index crimes reported in 2013 are .55 percent below the ten year average of reported offenses.



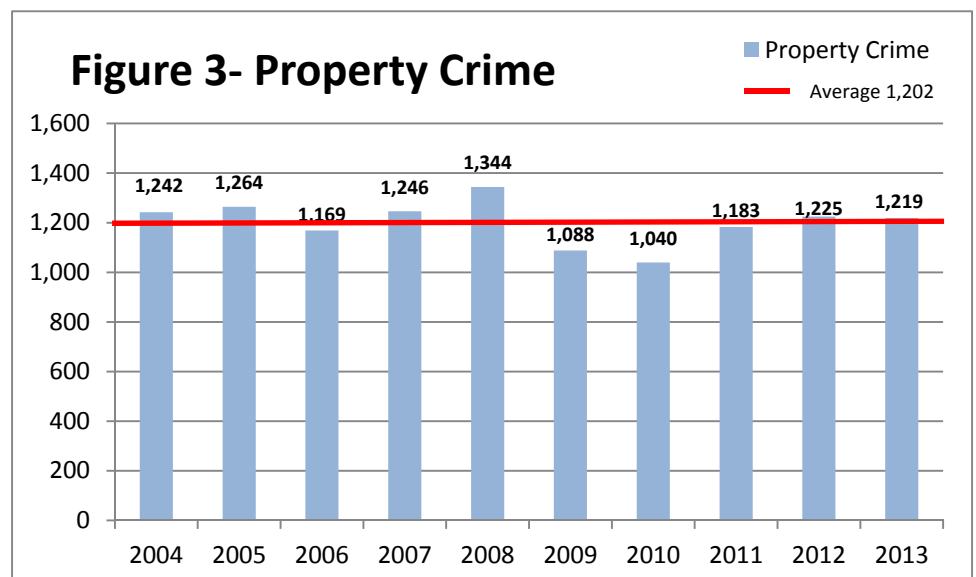
## Violent Crimes

The average of reported violent crimes over this ten year period is 74. In 2013, reported violent crimes were 32.07 percent below the ten year average.



## Property Crimes

The average of reported property crimes over this ten year period is 1,202. In 2013, reported property crimes were 1.41 percent above the ten year average.



## Clearance Rates

The clearance rate is the percentage of reported crimes that resulted in an arrest or an exceptional clearance. A crime is considered cleared when at least one individual is arrested or if the case is turned over to the court system for prosecution. A crime is considered exceptionally cleared if circumstances beyond police control prevent an arrest. For example, if an offender passes away before being arrested, this case would be exceptionally cleared.

The number of crimes cleared is counted, not the number of individuals arrested. It is important to understand that the arrest of one individual may clear several crimes while the arrest of several individuals may only clear only one case.

**Table 4- Town of Garner Index Offenses Cleared\*  
2012-2013**

	Index Offense	Year	# Reported Offenses	# Offenses Cleared	Percentage
<b><i>Violent Crime</i></b>	Murder	2012	1	0	Not Calculable
	Murder	2013	2	2	100%
	Rape	2012	4	2	50%
	Rape	2013	2	1	50%
	Robbery	2012	31	12	39%
	Robbery	2013	25	13	52%
	Agg. Assault	2012	30	13	43%
	Agg. Assault	2013	21	19	90%
<b><i>Property Crime</i></b>	Burglary	2012	164	34	21%
	Burglary	2013	179	41	23%
	Larceny	2012	1,007	386	38%
	Larceny	2013	995	532	53%
	MV Theft	2012	54	7	13%
	MV Theft	2013	45	7	15%

\*The figures used for this report are the numbers voluntarily reported to the NC SBI for the UCR Program in 2012 and 2013.\*

Of note, arrests do not always occur during the same time that the offense occurs. The standard UCR program reporting occurs on a monthly basis. A crime may be cleared weeks, months or even years later. When this happens, the clearance rate may not be updated. Clearance rates often underestimate the number of crimes cleared by an agency because of this.

## Arrest Rate

**Table 5- Town of Garner Arrest Rate per 1,000 Population**

The arrest rate is based on the actual number of individuals arrested, not the number of crimes cleared by an arrest. It should be kept in mind that arrest totals are not indicative of the number of different people involved in the commission of a crime. For example, a total of two arrests may represent the arrest of two separate individuals or the arrest of a single person for two separate offenses. Also, these totals do indicate the number of charges placed against an individual during one single arrest.

	Number of Arrests	Arrest Rate
<b>Index Offenses</b>	590	47.33
<b>Other Offenses</b>	767	22.03

## **Current Garner Initiatives**

One of the hallmarks of an effective law enforcement agency is the ability to prevent crime before it occurs. The Garner Police Department utilizes efforts focused on crime analysis, deterrence (including enforcement), and education to decrease crime and increase the quality of life in our community.

### **Special Investigation Unit**

The Special Investigations Unit has been implemented to merge existing resources that focus on quality of life issues, improve police services for the citizens of Garner, and create an officer development component within the agency. The Unit receives specialized training in a number of areas and is also responsible for utilizing special equipment to investigate criminal behavior. The Unit participates in the PAAL program and is responsible for teaching the curriculum to the 5th grade students that attend Timber Drive Elementary School. The Special Investigations Unit has a progressive approach and is “filling the gap” to ensure the Department is providing the highest level of service possible.

### **Click It or Ticket, Securing Your Future**

The “Click It or Ticket, Securing Your Future” is a NC Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) initiative created to encourage safety belt usage among teenage drivers. The program requires drivers and passengers at all participating schools to buckle their seat belts before leaving school property or risk losing high school parking privileges. In 2014 the Garner Police Department signed Garner Senior High School up to participate in this program. In addition to enforcing traffic safety around the school, the Traffic Safety Unit sets up mock crash and texting while driving situations each school year to educate students about traffic safety laws and the importance of safe driving.

### **DWI Enforcement Officer Program**

The Garner Police Department assigned a full time DWI Enforcement Officer to the Traffic Safety Team in late 2013. This position is funded through a grant awarded by the NC GHSP. Wake County ranks in the top three counties in North Carolina for alcohol related fatalities. This position places an experience officer in a position that allows them to focus on arresting and convicting drivers for DWI related offenses and enforcing traffic safety violations. This officer works primarily during the hours when intoxicated drivers are historically known to be on the roadways.

### **Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)**

DDACTS was initially implemented on July 1, 2012, in the one-mile area around 4500 Fayetteville Road. As we end an 18 month period of enforcement concentration in the original DDACTS area we have made a significant impact on the crash rate, recording a 15 % decrease. However, due to the road construction issues in the area impacting enforcement, it has been decided to expand our DDACTS efforts into another part of the Town that will allow us to concentrate on more quality of life issues. The new DDACTS area runs west to east from Timber Drive to Aversboro Road and north to south from US 70 Highway to Woodland Road.